Scheme, would continue during the tenth Plan period also. Funds for salaries of admissible number of posts have been released accordingly.

Short-term Marriages

1223. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the National Commission for Women (NCW) has asked the External Affairs Ministry to issue instructions to all embassies to ensure that 'Muttah' or short-term marriages are stopped and those indulging in such practices are dealt with strictly; and

(b) if so, the action taken to end such short-term marriages in the country immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Commission for Women (NCW) has written to the Ministry of External Affairs that efforts should be made to curb 'Muttah' Marriages between Arab tourists and Indian women.

(b) Ministry of External Affairs has informed that Indian Diplomatic Missions in the Gulf countries have been instructed to discreetly monitor those seeking visas to ascertain the genuineness of the intended purpose of the visit. The Embassies of the Gulf countries in India have also been appraised of the problem during regular interactions.

Revival of Central Advisory Board of Education

1224. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to revive the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE); and

(b) if so, what is its role and function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Central Advisory Board of Education has since been reconstituted *vide* this Ministry's Resolution dated 6.7.2004.

The functions of the Board would be:—

* to review the progress of education from time to time
* to appraise the extent and manner in which the education policy has been implemented by the Central and State Governments, and other concerned agencies, and to give appropriate advice in the matter;
* to advice regarding coordination between the Central and State Governments/UT Administrations, State Governments and non-governmental agencies for educational development in accordance with the education policy; and
* to advice, *suo moto*, or on a reference made to it by the Central Government or any State Government or a Union Territory Administration on any educational question.

For the discharge of these functions, the Board may (i) call for information and comments from any Government institution, any other organisation or an individual; (ii) appoint committees or groups comprising members of CABE and/or others as may be necessary; and (iii) commission, through Government or any other agency, studies, research or reports on any specific issue requiring the attention of the Board or its committees or groups.

Conference of minority educational institutions

1225. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a National Level Conference on Minority Educational Institutions was recently held in Delhi;

(b) if so, the objective of the Conference and the details of the suggestions that emerged from the Conference on development and welfare of the minority institutions; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to analyse and implement the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c)